

Approved 11-9-21
West Tisbury Finance Committee Meeting
Zoom meeting
October 29, 2021, 2:00 pm

In Attendance: Greg Orcutt, Cathy Minkiewicz, Doug Ruskin, John Christensen, and Clark Rattet

Also present: Jen rand, Skipper Manter, Diana DeBlaise and Janice Haynes

Greg called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm

Minutes: As this was a special meeting the minutes were postponed to the next regular meeting. Greg reminded Janice to post online the approved minutes from last meeting.

New Business:

- **Review of Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles:**

Article 1- Town Clerks office:

This is a ‘housekeeping’ article submitted by Tara to comply with MGL. John suggested they take no action as it’s not a money article. Greg thinks they should always vote on every article.

Doug made the motion to take no action on Article 1. John seconded. Roll call vote – 4 in favor, Greg voted no. (4-1-0) Motion passes.

Article 2 – Tri Town Ambulance Agreement:

Greg thinks this should not be a STM article and needs more time for discussion. He worries that they may not get a quorum and there’s no rush. Others agreed. They believe they need more info. There was further discussion about postponing till Annual Town Meeting in the spring and how it could effect the FY22 budget and create confusion.

John made the motion to recommend Article 2. There was no second.

Clark made the motion to not recommend Article 2. Cathy seconded. Roll call vote – 4 in favor, John voted against. (4-1-0) Motion passes to not recommend Article 2.

Article 3 - Matching funds for a MA Coastal Zone Management coastal resiliency grant from the MV Commission:

Clark made the motion to recommend Article 3. Doug seconded.

Discussion: Skipper pointed out that the formula is inconsistent and that the County has offered to pay what doesn’t come from the towns. Most Board members felt that \$5,000 was not a huge amount and they should recommend. Doug felt they (the MV Commission) should have gone to the County to begin with. After further discussion Clark revoked his motion.

Doug made the motion to not recommend Article 3. Clark seconded. Roll call vote – All in favor, Motion passes to not recommend Article 3.

Article 4 – IMA for Chilmark HVAC system:

There was no discussion.

Doug made the motion to recommend Article 4. Clark seconded. Roll call vote – All in favor, Motion passes.

Article 5 – West Tisbury School Roof:

There was no discussion as they had discussed the topic at length at a previous meeting.

Doug made the motion to recommend Article 5. Clark seconded. Roll call vote – All in favor, Motion passes

Articles 6 & 7 – MGL ‘housekeeping’ corrections to wording – submitted by Kathy Logue:

There was no discussion.

Doug made the motion to recommend Articles 6& 7. It was seconded. Roll call vote – All in favor, Motion passes.

Doug left the meeting at 2:50 pm

Topics Not Anticipated:

John spoke about the priority worksheets and what they might work on for the next 6 months. It was decided each member would send their priorities to Janice to collate for discussion at the next meeting.

Scheduling:

The next meeting will be November 9th at 5 pm.

With no further items to discuss, John made the motion to adjourn. Clark seconded. Roll call vote – all in favor

Meeting adjourned at 2:57 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Haynes
Administrative Assistant